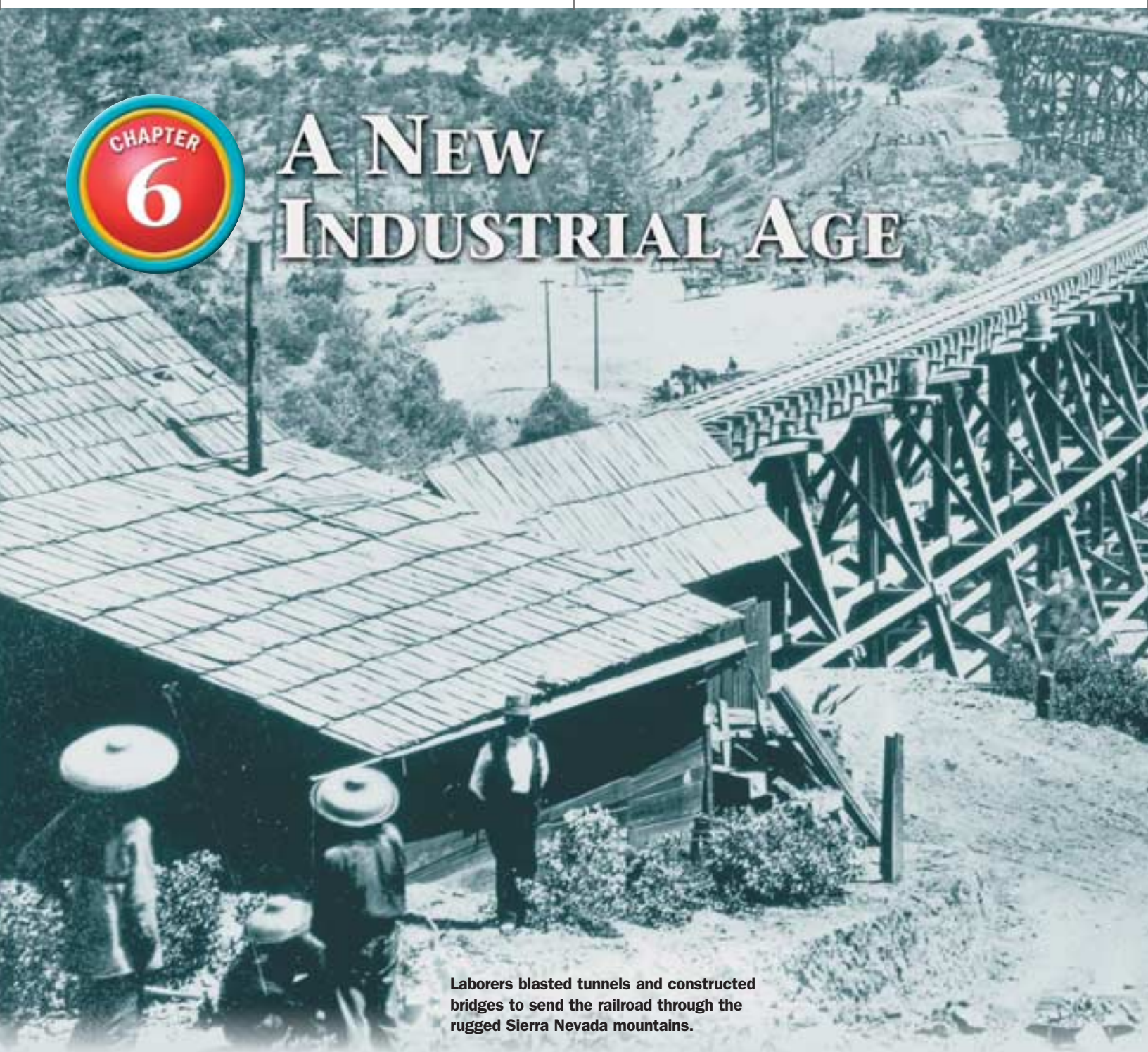




A NEW INDUSTRIAL AGE



Laborers blasted tunnels and constructed bridges to send the railroad through the rugged Sierra Nevada mountains.

1869 Central Pacific and Union Pacific complete the transcontinental railroad.

1876 Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone.

1877 *Munn v. Illinois* establishes government regulation of railroads.

Mother Jones supports the Great Strike of 1877.

1879 Thomas A. Edison invents a workable light bulb.

1884 Grover Cleveland is elected president.



**USA
WORLD**

1870

1880

1870 Franco-Prussian War breaks out.

1875 British labor unions win right to strike.



1882 United States restricts Chinese immigration.

1883 Germany becomes the first nation to provide national health insurance.



INTERACT

WITH HISTORY

The year is 1863 and railroad construction is booming. In six years, the U.S. will be linked by rail from coast to coast. Central Pacific Railroad employs mainly Chinese immigrants to blast tunnels, lay track, and drive spikes, all for low wages. You are a journalist assigned to describe this monumental construction project for your readers.

What are the pros and cons of railroad expansion?

Examine the Issues

- What dangers do the railroad workers encounter?
- How will businesses and the general public benefit from the transcontinental railroad?
- How might railroad construction affect the environment?



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1886 Haymarket riot turns public sentiment against unions.



1890 Congress passes the Sherman Antitrust Act.

1894 President Cleveland sends federal troops to Illinois to end the Pullman strike.

1896 William McKinley is elected president.

1900 William McKinley is reelected.

1890

1900

1890 Colonization of sub-Saharan Africa peaks.

1893 Women in New Zealand gain voting rights.

1896 First modern Olympic Games are held in Athens, Greece.

